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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE INTER-ALLIED CONFERENCE.

Question of Ex-Kaiser's Future Considered.

London, December 2.

There were extraordinary scenes of enthusiasm at Whitehall on the occasion of the Inter-Allied Conference at 10 Downing Street at eleven o'clock. Enormous crowds surrounded Marshal Foch's motor car and cheered Marshal Foch and Mr. Lloyd George and sang the Marseillaise.

The Conference preliminarily discussed the date and procedure of the Peace Conference, also questions concerning the carrying out of the Armistice and also the position of the ex-Kaiser.

Besides the French and Italian representatives, the Premier, Mr. Bonar Law, Mr. Balfour, Sir Henry Wilson and Lieut. Col. Sir Maurice Hankey were present.

EXPLOSIVE COMPANIES.

A Big British Combine.

London, December 2.

The Treasury has sanctioned the amalgamation of 29 British Explosives Companies into the Explosives Trade, Ltd, with a capital of £18,000,000.

The British South African Explosives and the Australian Explosives Chemical Company are among the amalgamators.

GERMAN DEMOBILISATION.

Hindenburg's Appeal to the Army.

London, December 2.

Marshal Hindenburg urgently appeals to the men of the Army to remain at their posts. He promises demobilisation as early as possible except for the 1895 to 1899 Classes.

THE OLD ORDER AT BERLIN.

Revolutionaries Not in Power.

Amsterdam, December 2.

A message from Berlin states that at a meeting of the delegates of the Soviets of Bavaria, the Premier, Herr Eisner, said that the old Government machinery was still working at Berlin. The Revolutionary Government had no power. The Bavarians must help themselves. Bavaria would ask at the Peace Conference that all the Armies be abolished and the police troops be charged with the maintenance of law and order.

UNION OF MONTENEGRO AND SERBIA.

Under King Peter.

Prague, December 2.

The Montenegrin Skuptchnis has decided to depose King Nicholas and his House and to unite Montenegro and Serbia under King Peter.

EARLIER TELEGRAM.

BRAVE AIRMAN OFFICERS.

London, Dec. 1.

The "Gazette" says that Victoria Crosses have been awarded to the following officers of the Royal Air Force in recognition of bravery of the highest possible order:—

Captain William George Barker, D.S.O. with bar, M.C. with two bars. On the morning of the 27th Oct. Captain Barker shot down an enemy two-seater over Foret-de-Mormal. Simultaneously a Fokker biplane attacked him and he was wounded in the right thigh but managed to shoot down the enemy afire. He then found himself in the midst of a large formation of Fokkers who attacked him from all directions. He was again severely wounded in the left thigh but drove down two of the enemy. He then lost consciousness and his machine fell out of control. On recovering he found himself again being heavily attacked by a large formation. He singled out a machine, deliberately charged and drove it down in flames. His left elbow was shattered in this fight and he again fainted. On recovering he found he was still being attacked, but despite more severe wounds he dived at the nearest machine and shot it down in flames. Greatly exhausted he dived out of the fight to regain the British lines, but met another formation which attempted to cut him off, but after a hard fight he broke up the formation and reached the British lines, where he crashed on landing. Altogether Capt. Barker destroyed fifty enemy machines. Lieutenant A. W. Beauchamp Protor D.S.O., M.C. with bar, D.F.C., has conquered *fifty-four foes, destroying twenty-two enemy machines* and sixteen enemy kite balloons and driving down sixteen enemy aircraft completely out of control. His work in attacking enemy troops on the ground and in reconnaissance was of almost unsurpassed brilliancy.

EXPULSION OF GERMANS.

London, Dec. 2.

The Attorney General, Sir F. E. Smith, speaking at Bournemouth, said the Government is determined to expel from Britain every German.

ALLIED SQUADRON OFF SEBASTOPOL.

London, Nov. 30.

The Admiralty announces that the Allied squadron in the Black Sea anchored off Sebastopol on Nov. 26. Russian ships in the hands of the Germans were surrendered to the Allied Naval Representatives, and also some German submarines.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE ALLIED OCCUPATION.

British Troops in Germany.

London Dec. 1.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports: The advanced troops of the Second Army, commanded by General Plumer, have crossed the German frontier between Beho and Eupen. They have advanced towards the Rhine and have reached the general line from Burgreuland to Bullingen and Mont Joie.

The Populace Warned.

Paris, Dec. 1.

Marshal Foch has issued a proclamation to the inhabitants of the occupied territory of Rhenish Prussia enjoining the strictest obedience and warning the people against hostile acts the penalty being trial by court martial.

Americans over the Border.

London, Dec. 1.

An American communique says the Third American army has crossed the German frontier and reached the general line of Alfersteg, Winterscheid, Muelbach, Treves and Saarburg.

GERMAN AFFAIRS.

A Bad Against the Kaiser.

Amsterdam, Dec. 1.

The German Government has forbidden the Kaiser and Kaiserin to return.

A South German Republic.

Amsterdam, Dec. 2.

Herr Scheidemann in an article in the "Vorwaerts" on the danger of the disruption of the Empire, which he says is increasing daily, says there has been a conference with the French Command at Strassburg with a view to the creation of a South German Republic. The Executive of the Berlin Soviets has resolved to welcome a Russian Bolshevist delegation to the Soviet Congress in Berlin on the 16th Dec.

Administrative Confusion.

London, Dec. 2.

A message from Berlin says Herr Ebert admits that the Independent Socialists are conspiring to overthrow the Government. The German press says that utter administrative confusion reigns and accuses the Government of having squandered eight hundred million marks in three weeks.

Strikes in Berlin.

Stockholm, Dec. 2.

Strikes have broken out in Berlin in favour of the socialisation of industry.

THE VISITS TO LONDON.

London, Dec. 1.

Despite discouraging weather, unprecedented crowds welcomed Marshal Foch, M. Clemenceau and others. Unparalleled enthusiasm was displayed. The most prominent English statesmen and naval and military men awaited the visitors at Charing Cross where a guard honour was present. The band of the Grenadiers played the "Marseillaise," and the guests were visibly impressed by the warmth of the welcome.

The "Manchester Guardian" says it is generally understood that the primary object of the visit of M. Clemenceau and Signor Orlando to London is the question of dealing with the ex-Kaiser.

TROUBLE IN POLAND.

Berne, Dec. 2.

The Polish Press Bureau, admits that forty Jews and a dozen Christians were killed in recent disorders at Lemberg and says the perpetrators were hundreds of released criminals assisted by deserters. It adds that fifty of these bandits were shot and fifteen hundred imprisoned, of whom less than half were Poles.

The Jewish Socialist Labour Confederation has urgently appealed to the Socialists and Labourites of the Entente and United States to urge their Governments to immediately militarily intervene in the pogroms in Poland and Galicia.

ROYAL MOVEMENTS.

London, Dec. 2.

Reuter's correspondent at the British front says the King and Princes arrived at Arras on 20th Nov. and proceeded to Douai and Valenciennes. They slept overnight at Sebourge.

A Belgian communique says: The Royal Family entered Liege at the head of troops who defended the town in 1914. A Belgian cavalry brigade has entered Aix-la-Chapelle at the request of the German authorities.

A SOUTH SLAV STATE.

London, Dec. 2.

A Belgrade telegram announces the creation of a new South Slav State. Delegations of all the South Slav territories who have hitherto been ruled by Austria-Hungary met at Neustad and proclaimed union with Serbia and Montenegro under the Kara-George Dynasty.

IRISH POLITICAL AGREEMENT.

London, Dec. 2.

The Nationalist and Sinn Fein Conference has decided to divide six Ulster electorates equally, the candidature of three others being submitted to arbitration.

MORE U-BOATS SURRENDER.

London, Dec. 2.

Eight submarines surrendered to Admiral Tyrwhitt today.

OBITUARY.

London, Dec. 4.

The death is announced of Mr. T. H. Lyons formerly attache at Cairo and Peking.

LADY MISSIONARY'S EXPERIENCE.

Roughly Handled by Japanese Soldiers.

The following statement by a lady missionary is forwarded to the *Shanghai Mercury* by H. M. Consulate at Changchun:—

Owing to the publication without my knowledge and against my wishes of details purporting to be authentic of my recent encounter with three Japanese soldiers I have been obliged much against my inclination to give the correct version to the public. With the publication of this statement I should be greatly obliged if the matter might be allowed to drop, as the publicity already given it has been extremely distasteful to me.

The following are the facts:—

On the afternoon of 2nd October about 6 o'clock I went for a walk, unaccompanied. After about half an hour I struck the South Manchuria Railway line at a point probably about a mile and a half south west of Changchun Station. There was a well kept footpath on either side of the line and I decided to return home that way as I had done before on two or three occasions within the last year without let or hindrance. I had gone probably about three quarters of a mile and was just about to leave the railway track by a path leading south towards my home when I saw three Japanese soldiers, fully armed, approaching from the direction of Changchun station. I went forward without misgiving and was about to pass when one of them put himself in my way, pushed me back with his hand and indicated in a truculent way that I could not go forward. It did not occur to me that the men were in the exercise of their duty; I thought they were merely taking advantage of the fact that I was alone and at their mercy to bully me and show their authority. Consequently I, at first, refused to go back, explaining as well as I could to men who knew no English and very little Chinese, that I was just about to leave the line by a road a little further on—which I pointed out—and that I had gone this way several times before without question. The leader of the party, however, merely shouted something unintelligible and again pushed me back roughly with his hand. He asked and I told him I was an Englishwoman, and I tried to make him understand that if he used violence, as he seemed inclined to do, he would regret it. By this time it was sundown and, while it was still quite light enough not only to see the soldiers distinctly but to distinguish the Mission House a mile or two distant, I saw it would be unwise to delay any longer and agreed to go back the way I had come. I turned to do so, whereupon one of the two remaining soldiers planted himself in the way and threatened to use his gun if I attempted to pass. There was an embankment on either side and a soldier on the path behind and before me. I protested that I must be allowed to go one way or the other and was thereupon struck with some force on the side of the head by the soldier in front. I was so angry that I raised my walking stick and struck the man full in the face. At that all three fell upon me. Snatching my walking stick one of them broke it in two and beat me about the head with it while the other two laid to with their hands. They gave me a severe beating and threw me down into a ditch. They dragged me by the hair and pulled out quantities of it, smashing my haircomb with the force of their blows into small fragments which I found in my hair when I got home. After a time I struggled to my knees and they held me there while they secured my arms and dragged them half way up my back. They proceeded to bind me very firmly with a rope, passing it round my neck in such a way that the weight of my arms dragging on it made breathing difficult. After I had been bound the soldiers struck me repeatedly about the head and face with their hands. One of them pointed to a gun and asked me if I had any about me. I presume he meant bombs. I answered in the negative but my word was not taken and I was searched. Afterwards they marched me across a couple of fields to the barracks, on the way subjecting me to a second search. At the barracks I was made the centre of a gaping crowd. While standing bound in the hall awaiting the arrival of the superior officer I was struck across the face with great force by two soldiers who had not seen the circumstances of my arrest. I had the marks of their blows for several days.

When the officer appeared he ordered me to be unbound and brought into his room. He asked me to be seated, offered me cigarettes and had tea brought me by an orderly. I sat down but did not partake of the proffered refreshments. This man could speak no English and very little Chinese, so he merely asked a question or two on irrelevant subjects. He was quite courteous. Presently he went away and after some time appeared with any another officer, who asked me in Chinese what I had been doing on the railway and if I did not know that I was trespassing. I answered that I was unware of any regulations on the subject and expressed regret at having unwittingly broken them, at the same time giving my opinion of the conduct of the soldiers. He replied somewhat truculently that whether I knew of the regulations or not was no affair of theirs. After a further delay I expressed the desire to be allowed to go home at once as by this time it was about half past seven. I was told to have patience, that a gendarme would presently come to escort me to the Police Station. He appeared about half an hour later and I went with him. I was kept sitting in the hall of the building for perhaps twenty minutes and was then ushered into the presence of a gentleman who described himself in English as Captain of Gendarmes. He motioned me to a chair where I sat for ten minutes or so while he talked through the telephone. Presently he gave me paper on which to write my name, address, age and occupation, and then requested me to walk to the Consulate (a distance of about a mile) with my escort, which I did. I sat for a short time there in the outer hall where there were a number of men talking, after which a young man appeared and introduced himself as the Vice-Consul. After a few remarks on the subject of the Japanese National Holiday, which he had been celebrating that day, and other irrelevant matters, he took my name, age, address, etc., although it was evident that he already knew them, and then alluded to the "Unfortunate accident," which had occurred between me and the "Japanese officers." I thereupon gave him my version of the story to which he listened quite politely and intelligently. At the close of the narrative he remarked that he could not properly investigate the case until he had heard the soldiers' side of the story, and volunteered the opinion that the "unfortunate accident" came about through the soldiers and I not understanding one another.

By this time it was nearing ten o'clock and I expressed an urgent desire to get home. I was allowed to go on foot and unescorted. Fortunately I had only about two minutes' walk to reach the Mission House where I found [illegible] of great excitement. Search parties consisting of the servants and various members of the school and hospital staff, assisted by some Chinese police had been organised by my colleagues and had twice scoured the roads round our home in the hopes of finding me but without success. It was a great relief to all concerned when I finally appeared. I had gone out for an hour's walk, intending to be home before it was dark, and had been nearly five [illegible]

"COMRADES OF THE GREAT WAR."

Wise Direction of Discharged Soldiers.

A meeting in support of the organisation known as "Comrades of the Great War," was held in the Lord Mayor's Parlour at the Manchester Town Hall recently. The movement has in Manchester a membership of nearly six thousand, with offices and club rooms in Oxford Street.

Captain E. B. B. Towse, V.C., explained that the object of the movement was to help in every way the discharged soldier. The whole work originated in and depended upon the feeling of comradeship which had grown up on all our fronts in this war. That feeling must not be allowed to die after the war. If it could be maintained all the other objects of the movement would be taken in the stride. The clubs, which were to be established all over the United Kingdom and the other parts of the Empire, were to be not merely social centres, but places where discharged soldiers could find help in obtaining employment, in securing pensions and other benefits, and in maintaining their general welfare. He appealed to the public not only on the ground of gratitude but because the organisation of discharged soldiers in this movement would tend to prevent friction in the country after the war. The movement, he said, was prepared to amalgamate with any association which did not go in for party politics, which accepted all ranks, and which confined itself to men discharged from the services, so that no civilian could get in and try to make a party political job out of it.

Captain Donald Simson, who has been organising the movement in New Zealand, Canada, Australia, and South Africa, as well as in this country, in asking the public for help, said the organisation must be regarded as insurance against future trouble. This kind of association in a comradeship which took no account of class divisions, would help, he thought, to stop industrial disputes; it would bring the men under wise direction and save them from the influence of agitators and "hot air" speeches. Something of the kind was needed, because the discharged soldiers of this country were drifting into a state of discontent which was being fanned and inflamed by political intriguers.

On the motion of Major Greg, seconded by Colonel Clapham, a resolution was passed pledging assistance to the movement.

Colonel Coates presided over the meeting.

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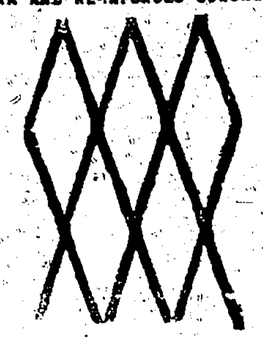

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GENERAL NEWS.

German Steel Masters' Anxiety

According to the *Cologne Gazette*, at a meeting at Berlin of the Union of Iron and Steel Masters, Germany's future commercial policy was discussed and a resolution was adopted expressing approval of a close economic union of the Central Empires, but disapproval of a common tariff union on the ground that, apart from prejudicing Germany's commercial relations with other States, it would also entail disadvantages to individual parties. "Central Europe," the resolution adds, "would no be a sufficient protection against Anglo-Saxon aspirations. The protection of our supplies of raw material and our trade requires, moreover, commercial rapprochement to quite a number of States on the European continent. The restoration of Europe, the safeguarding of European economic interests and the revival of world commerce are synonmous terms."

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Uniform for Honorary Chaplains.

It is stated in Army Orders that in future Army chaplains who relinquish their commissions and are appointed honorary chaplains to the forces will be entitled to wear uniform when attending military functions and conducting military religious services. The uniform will be the Service dress laid down for chaplains with the rank badges and the letter "R" below the collar badges. They may also wear the chaplain scarf when ministering to troops.

To Boycott Germany.

Mr. Havelock Wilson was given a rousing welcome by French unionists, all of whom he seems to have converted to his ten years' post-war boycotting of Germany. This resolution having been put to the huge assembly at the Cirque d'Hiver, it was unanimously adopted. The audience, composed mostly of working men, greeted this decision with enthusiastic joy. It may well be said the president of the British Seamen's Union scored a big success in Paris.

Post-War Education.

The new era which is expected to follow the war was the theme of the presidential address delivered by Dr. C. T. Wing, of Portsmouth, at the annual conference of the National Federation of Class Teachers in the Memorial Hall, Farringdon-street. Hours of labour would, he said, gradually be shortened; more and longer holidays would become the rule; and the importance of leisure would increase daily. Leisure well spent was the best help to vigorous and hearty work; while leisure ill spent was simply another name for ruin, so it was the business of education to arouse and guide men's interests and help them to spend time profitably. The President of the Board of Education had stated that 2,000 entrants were required by the teaching profession annually to repair the wastage in the elementary schools. Before the war, however, the number was only about half that total. How could the army be recruited? The policy of Great must be such as would attract the best kind of candidates, and would make the profession [illegible]

THE MIGHTY FALLEN.

Some Parallels from the Past.

The analogy between the fall of Wilhelm II. and the fate that overtook the powerful and ambitious Persian Kings, Xerxes and Darius is interesting. Xerxes reigned for twenty years in the fifth century B.C. and having subdued his rebellious Egyptian subjects set forth against Greece with a huge force, both naval and military. Herodotus puts the number of his fighting men at something less than three millions with over twelve hundred ships of war and three thousand smaller vessels. Xerxes, land campaign was for a long while triumphant and he marched on a deserted Athens. His Armada however was destroyed before his eyes at the naval battle of Salamis. Xerxes watched this conflict from a high throne anticipating complete success, and dumbfounded at the unexpected and overwhelming debacle, fled hot foot for the Hellespont leaving Mardonius in command of his land forces which were destroyed by the Greeks on the field of Platoea. He was murdered a few years later. Xerxes' theatrical attitude and his decree that the rebellious sea should receive three hundred lashes for destroying his bridge of boats across the Hellespont find parallels in the mentality of the monarch who has just undone his country and fled. Darius fell twice to Alexander the Great. On the first occasion he was taken prisoner and treated with magnanimity by his conqueror. On the second, he just managed to escape on horseback leaving all his treasures a prey to the victor. He was murdered during his flight by one of his own officers.

SCOTLAND'S STAGE.

Some Points of Its History.

In a review on "The Story of the Scots Stage" by Robb Dawson, the New York *Evening Post* says:—It has been said of Scotland that no civilised land has been so unfavourable to art; doubtless no highly civilized country has been more unfavourable to the stage. The stern religion of the country, and the practical, matter of fact temperament of the Scot, have alike been unkind to the theatre. Yet as the frontispiece of this book—a picture of Mackay as the Billie in "Rob Roy"—reminds us, Scotland has had both playwrights and actors of merit. The stage was centuries in gaining the hearing which was accorded it further south in Elizabethan times, in the time of Marlowe, players in Scotland were subject to the same punishments as thieves and vagabonds, which included hanging; but by about 1750 it had fairly struggled to its feet. In 1755 a private representation (preceding the public professional one) of Home's "Douglas" was given in Edinburgh, with the historian Robertson playing Lord Randolph; David Hume, Glenavon; Dr. Carlyle, Old Norval; John Home, Douglas; Dr. Adam Ferguson, Lady Randolph, and Hugh Blair, Anna. The first public performance received a reception that made the clergy "skulk" into corners." "The town," wrote the Rev. Dr. Carlyle, "was in an uproar of exultation that a Scotsman did write a tragedy of the first rate, and that its merits were submitted to them."

The present volume traces the Scotch stage from its humble beginnings in village green presentations of Robin Hood and Little John, and the Mystery and Morality play, down to and including Henry Irving's attempts to maintain an Edinburgh stock company. It is a narrative picturesque, interesting, and valuable in itself, and as a complement to the histories we have of the English stage, and it is better written than Dibdin's laboriously constructed and [illegible] "Annals" of the [illegible] published thirty years ago. The treatment is not chronological. The author, after an introductory chapter upon the general beginnings of Scottish drama, and another upon the famous Aberdeen Revels, takes up the Edinburgh stage and traces it from its foundation to our time; he then transfers himself to Glasgow, and traces the stage there from the first Glaswegian dramatics, and so on till Dundee and Perth also have been treated.

Even after the stage had been accorded a fairly general recognition by the educated in Scotland it was so detested by the Puritan-minded clergy that its maintenance was difficult. "An Inverness minister was inspired by the presentation of Home's "Douglas" to write a tract entitled, 'Reasons Why the Tragedy of Douglas should Be Burned at the Hands of the Common Hangman.' The Presbytery of Edinburgh issued a long exhortation to the godly, warning them away from the Canongate Theatre, and declaring that "to enumerate how many servants, apprentices, and students in different branches of literature in this city and suburbs have been seduced from their proper business by attending the stage would be a painful disagreeable task." When, a few years later, in 1764 a new theatre was opened in Glasgow, a Methodist minister grew earnest in denouncing the vile innovation. Pointing towards the theatre before a large audience, he declared, "I dreamed last night I was in hell, where a banquet was being held. All the devils in the pit were there, when Lucifer, their chief, gave them a toast: 'Here is to the health of John Miller, of Westerton, who has sold his ground to build Me a House on.'" The crowd rushed forth and set a torch to the building. In the same city a little earlier George Whitefield had similarly denounced the first theatre, built in the Castle Yard, and it also was burnt down by a fanatical mob. The dramatic history of Scotland is full of instances of companies of actors being set upon by infuriated Presbyterians, and made to fear for their bodily safety.

Yet all the great players of the three years following 1750 seem to have appeared at some time in Scotland. Mrs. Siddons at first meets cold reception in Edinburgh. After one earnest effort at strong emotional acting, as she looked down upon the sea of stony faces, waiting for applause that never came, one voice was uplifted: "That's no half bad!" But later she had better success, Macready, the Kembles, Keen, Munden, and others, played to enthusiastic audiences in Scotland, and as men like Henry Erskine, Johnstone, the country [illegible]

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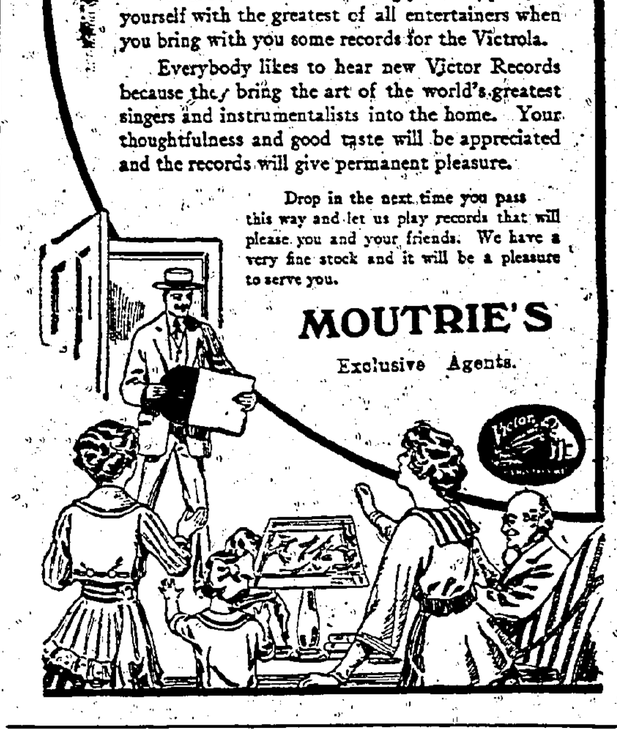

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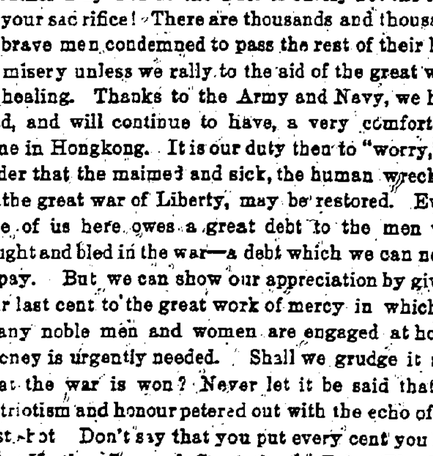

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DEATH.

WEIR.—At Government Civil Hospital this morning, John Weir, aged 42 years, of Taikoo Dockyard and Engineering Coy. (Ltd.) dearly beloved husband of Margaret Gibb Robson. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5 p.m. to-morrow. (Friday).

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1918.

THE JUNKER CANKER.

A month of disaster and humiliation has worked terrible havoc in the German Empire, and every day sees its condition growing more perilous. There is now no attempt at any Central Government, and the whole country is a mass of Soviets and Soldiers' Councils, each more or less hostile to the other. Bavaria apparently has thrown off the Berlin yoke, and is blaming the Prussian leaders for the war, and the disaster that it has brought upon them. Everywhere there is talk of separate republics, and democratic assemblies. Republicanism and change is the order of the day. But is the German nation really changed? However much their old consitutions may be overthrown, the spirit of the race has not changed. We hear no word of regret for the terrible crimes they have committed, no word of sorrow at the misery they have brought on the world. Nor have they turned on the leaders who have for years directed their warped energies to the destruction of nations and civilisation. The Kaiser and his son have indeed fled the country, but it was to escape the wrath of the Allies and not that of their own people: in fact we read that two Berlin members of the Soviet have arrived at the Hague to control the German Legation which is known to be in touch with the Kaiser.

But the Junkers, in whose hands is all the power that directs and governs, still remain. They may not be the Junkers that we knew before: they may wave the flag of democracy and talk about Republics and Soviets, but they are still at the head of things, and their principles have not altered. They are the same men who have for many years back directed the energies and resources of the German Empire towards this war of frightfulness, and mere talk is not sufficient to disguise from us their present position. These are the men among whom are included the great financial magnates of the country; they control the diplomatic services, and we know what German diplomacy amounts to—lying deceit and underhanded intrigue; they are supreme in the higher ranks of the Civil Service. With the Kaiser at their head they have been at the helm during this war and years before it, and they will not readily give up the powers they possess. Now that their leader is gone, it does not follow that this band is dispersed. The real reins of power were always in their hands, and if they cannot be autocrats any longer, they are ready to camouflage their efforts under the cloak of democracy, if their own ends are to be benefitted: they are ready to give voice to any sentiments, but their principles remain unaltered, and their power unshaken.

That is the danger that underlies all this talk of the democracy of the German people and the republicanism of its Soviets. The Junkers can be Junkers no longer, but they will become Republican leaders: they will run the German Republic as they ran the German Empire. Every day as the armistice continues the sullenness of the German people is more clearly demonstrated. They are beaten and shamed, but their is no repentance in their hearts, only bitter hate. They talk of Soviets and democracy, but their inherent principles are unchanged. The time draws near when the Allies will lay their demands on the peace table, but they must make absolutely certain that Junkerdom has disappeared before they grant peace to Germany. Let them punish the Germans so harshly that the enormity of their crimes is brought home to them: let them weed out the Junker canker which is at the root of all things German, for otherwise, whatever its constitution, Germany will still remain a terrible menace to the world. The doom of the Hohenzollerns is sealed, but Junkerdom, however disguised, is still in the ascendency, and it must be our task to sift it out from the chaos that once was the German Empire. We have been demanding the surrender of the Kaiser into our hands, but we must also demand the surrender of those who were his backers in all the crimes and inhumanities of this war. If these are gone, there is a meagre [illegible] permanent and more worthy [illegible]

The Home Elections.

To prophesy on the result of the General Election would be to reduce speculation to a mere guess, but to express partiality one way or the other is but natural. We here in the East are more or less unanimous in a desire for the continuance of the Coalition. It is not suggested that there can be any fear of a renewal of hostilities, but we feel that under certain circumstances there might be a tendency to forego the meting out of that punishment which Germany deserves. We may be sure that Germany in her present frame of mind, like the drowning man who clutches at a straw, will not let any possible opportunity of dodging the peace terms float by, but will grasp it in the hope that it will help to keep afloat the water-logged boat in which she hopes to weather the storm of retribution. It is for this reason that we are inclined to disregard all other issues so that unity may continue until justice is satisfied.

War Restrictions?

Beginning with to-day, the local Naval Examination Service comes to an end, as well also as do certain other purely war precautions. These developments will be generally welcomed, as restrictions are always irksome, and never more so than when their imposition is no longer necessary. We are wondering now when the Censorship Regulations, which have for so long weighed heavily on the newspapers, will come to an end. Their modification is certainly called for, inasmuch as, in view of the changed situation, it is bordering on the point of absurdity to argue that for the purpose of keeping possibly useful information from the enemy it is still necessary completely to muzzle the Press. The Admiralty, for example, has removed the naval censorship at Home, from which Germany is relatively but a stone's throw, yet here in Hongkong it is still technically an offence to refer to any naval ship otherwise than as H. M. S.—The public and the Press too have become utterly tired of seeing His Majesty's vessels so designated, the more so since they know full well the names of the ships referred to. But our Chinese friends not conversant on the point must surely be thinking that the British Navy consists of one vessel whose name is H.M.S. Blank.

Our Unemployed.

How do the Chinese unemployed spend their time? Some are continually planning how successfully to rob others, and some watch pedestrians on roadsides waiting for a chance to pick their pockets. But what do the others do? Into that secret we will let our readers—they frequent the Police Courts and take early possession of the rows of seats that are provided there. We have our cinema shows and our theatrical entertainments when we find time hanging hard on our hands, but the unemployed Chinese extracts the greatest amount of enjoyment out of Police Court proceedings. There he sees life in reality and wonders why a man should be sent to gaol for having robbed one of his race to assuage his hunger, seeing that Providence had forgotten him in the distribution of wealth. In the Police Courts he gets heaps of gossip for his friends. There is Leung Chai king who is hauled up for harbouring Lau Chu-kat's wife, there is Hau Min ki who faces the music of the Police Court for embezzlement, there is Pinks, the tailor, who took 52 orders from ladies for dresses and received the cloth, but disappeared one still dark night to Canton and was successully run to earth by the Hongkong Police. Then, we forgot General King-of-Cat's brother who tried to swindle the Bank by means of a forged cheque. These cases are drunk in with mental avidity and the unemployed clan are by a stroke of lightning apprised of these things, and there is great rejoicing thereat in their camp. Nature is a wonderful provider, and the wants of one and all are satisfied. If we do not get our papers we know how uneasy we feel, and surely the unemployed should get their intellectual fodder, and the channel through which it is procured [illegible]

DAY BY DAY.

ILL FARES THE LAND, TO HASTENING ILLS A PREY, WHERE WEALTH ACCUMULATES AND MEN DECAY.

To-morrow's Anniversary.

To-morrow is the third anniversary of the meeting of the first Allied Council in Paris.

The Dollar.

The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 3s. 4. 7/16d.

No Disease.

There were no cases of communicable disease notified yesterday.

Departed.

Dr. and Mrs. Lindsay Woods left by the Pacific Mail steamer Colombia yesterday.

"Some" Scores.

A tie played off yesterday in connection with the Wigwam Lawn Tennis Club's tournament between Mr. Elster and Mr. Krebs was marked by some phenomenal scoring. The former won by 18 16, 13-15 and 19-17. It thus took no fewer than 98 games to decide the match.

Naval Concert Result.

The balance sheet of the naval concert in aid of the Seamen and Marine Orphan Homes, sent us by the Rev. F. G. B. Hastings, shows that $468 50 was secured by sale of tickets and donations and $24.31 by sale of programmes. The printing expenses were $18.50, and the balance is thus $474 31.

Riding Accident.

We regret to learn that Miss Doris Grimble, who so capably handled the part of "Widow Barton" in "The Barton Mystery", met with a riding accident yesterday at Happy Valley. It appears that the pony she was riding shied and threw its rider, who sustained rather nasty injuries including a broken collar-bone. Miss Grimble, however, is doing well.

League Cricket.

The match between Craigengower C.C. and the University, is to be played on Saturday, the 7th inst., at 2 p.m., on the former's ground. The University will be represented by:—A.H. Rumjahn (Capt), D.K. Samy, W. Gittins, K S. Lim, S C. Ang, M.P. Chou, T.E. Yeoh, F.A. Redmond, J.D. Wright, R A. Ponsonby Fane and G.E. Marley. Reserve: T. L. Cheah.

Telegraphic Delay.

The Eastern Extension Telegraph Co. announces that owing to cable interruptions, heavy Government traffic, and shortage of staff through sickness, telegrams exchanged with, or traversing, Great Britain are subject to a delay of five or six days. The delay on deferred telegrams is from 10 to 14 days.

Harbouring a Married Woman.

At the Magistracy, yesterday, before Mr. J. R. Wood, a Chinese was fined $100, or three months' hard labour, for harbouring a married woman. The evidence showed that the woman left her husband and lived with defendant. Defendant stated that the woman was starving and came to him for help. The woman refused to make any statement when placed in the witness box.

Keep a Watch Dog on the Roof.

We are so accustomed to keeping watch dogs near the entrance of our rooms or houses that it will be a shock to many to be told that is not the best way to guard your home. Keep one on the roof. At least, we think it advisable to do so, for this morning two Chinese were hauled up before Mr. J. R. Wood for the larceny of clothing from the house of a Chinese residing at Wing Lock Street. As to how a passage was effected was told by Inspector O'Sullivan. The defendants slipped inside the house through the roof and succeeded in getting away with the booty. Timid ladies and children are in the habit of looking underneath their beds to see whether any [illegible] (A dog, however, would settle the matter.)

CORRESPONDENCE.

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A "KITCHENER DAY."

[To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."]

Sir,—I should be glad if you would allow me to encroach on a little space in a column of your valuable paper to suggest that Hongkong should have a "Kitchiner Day" for the purpose of raising a sufficient fund for the erection of a beautiful statue in glorious memory of the late Lord Kitchener as a manifestation of our gratitude to him for the valuable services that he rendered to mankind in the salvation of civilisation from the forces of destruction.

As is well known, it was he who raised what the Germans called the "Contemptible British Army" to a formidable and victorious one that now triumphantly occupies their territory. The world, therefore, owes him a debt of gratitude for the peace and liberty that it now enjoys.

Your etc.,

J. M. C.

Hongkong, Dec. 5, 1918.

A FALSE REPORT

How a Thief Confessed his Wrong-doing.

The Honckong Police has its Sherlock Holmes. One such Sherlock Holmes has just been discovered in the person of Sergeant Field and this is how the Police realised it. A certain Chinese "boy" engaged at Stern and Co., importers and exporters, of Queen's Road Central, reported to his master at midnight that some robbers had entered the shop, gagged him, opened the safe, and disappeared into thin air. In support of this he showed a wire instrument with which, he said, he was gagged by the robbers. Both the master and the servant paid a visit to the Police at 12.30 a.m. and lodged the complaint. Sergt. Field was sent to the scene of occurrence and examined the place carefully. He found a glass plane had been removed and the safe opened. The Chinese servant rehearsed the occurrence for the enlightenment of our Sherlock Holmes. He said that the door was forced open and so was the safe. In vain did Sergeant Field search for signs of force on the door or the safe. Then followed the crucial half hour. The servant was taken in hand and searchingly fathomed. He began to imagine that the gods were unkind to him and had given Sergeant Field the inspiration. He cleared the load that was lying heavy on his chest and told Sergeant Field what had really happened. The real thief was himself, the wire gag was his invention and the removing of the glass pane his work. He did not say, just in these words, that he was "anti-British" but committed certain acts which would stamp him as such. There were five St. Andrew's War Bond tickets in the safe, which he destroyed. He seized hold of the $20 that was treasured in it and used a duplicate key to open the safe. The money could not be found.

When this gentleman thief, who had possibly been imbibing some of the things shown at cinema shows, was asked by Mr. J.R. Wood the reason why he did this, he replied that he was destitute (a channel where philanthropic activities could be directed.) This did not melt Mr. Wood's heart; so he gave him six weeks' hard labour.

Germans Barred.

At a Committee of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders last night the following resolution was unanimously carried:—"That no person of any enemy country, having taken up arms against the Allies, [illegible]

EX-OFFICERS.

Information Regarding Employment Required.

The Foreign Office, acting on behalf of the Department of Overseas Trade, wish to know what openings may be available in China for ex Army officers, the following information being desired.—

1. Name of firm requiring men.
2. Number of men required.
3. Remuneration and prospects.
4. What qualifications are necessary.
5. Steps which can be taken to place candidates.
6. Any further useful information.

It should further be stated whether or not men who are slightly incapacitated would be suitable.

His Majesty's Consul General at Canton would be glad if firms which are likely to have openings for ex-officers would communicate with him.

HUN EMBLEMS.

How They Fared in the North.

The German Eagle which surmounted the German Consulate at Hankow has been removed. On the day of the victory celebrations the Eagle was covered with a tarpaulin, but this ruse was discovered the next day and the emblem was removed.

The same device appears to have been resorted to in the German Club at Shanghai and this time met with success. A large potrrait of the ex Kaiser had been covered up with a sheet and was entirely overlooked by the gentlemen who entered the Club recently for the purpose of "collecting souvenirs."

A MUSICAL TREAT.

Famous Moscow Trio Coming.

There is shortly to visit Hongkong, the famous Moscow Trio, composed of Alexander Chmelnitzki (piano), Vladimir Sirbido (violin) and Constantine Bakaleininkoff ('cello). This trio was formed from the Moscow Conservatoire on 1912 when the three artists were graduated with high honors. After two years practice in ensemble playing, they played at the Moscow concourse where they received a great ovation and the name "The Moscow Trio" bestowed upon them. Each artist is a master of his instrument. It is very difficult to have a first class trio of such high merit, and as these artists are still very young, they have every opportunity to rank as one of the best trios in existence. Their programme in ensemble playing consists of the Tschaikowsky, Rachmaniaoff, Beethoven and Brahms Trios besides which each artist has his share of solo playing.

The trio has just concluded a most successful tour in various parts of North China, Japan and Shanghai and will visit Hongkong on its way to Java.

DER TAG.

A Sapper's Farewell to the Lights.

Farewell, thou bright and shining light,
No more we'll see your ray,
For Right has triumphed over Might,
And thus so ends "The Day."
For four long years you've travelled round
From Devil's Peak to Collinson
And followed by the eagle eye
Of J—s and H—l and T—ton.
And now on this the "Night of Nights"
We'd like to hear you ring,
But if you can't we're sure at least
You'll dance the "Highland Fling."
Farewell! Farewell! old silvery beam,
You're antics were sublime;
You've deposed, you're final jig to-night
For the Days of "Auld Lang Syne."

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

Salisbury episcopal palace, which want of coal forces the Bishop to vacate, possesses some curious historic associations. It was the scene of wild drinking bouts held by roystering Dutchmen when sold by the Puritans to Van Ling during the Commonwealth. This is the only house in Great Britain which has entertained two kings of England within a fortnight. They were James II. and William III.

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Reverting to the subject of the Siamese language a learned clerk reminds us says the *Daily News*, that one word may have several meanings, according to the tone in which the word is uttered. For example, "khao" may mean either "they," "rice," "badly," "white," "old," or "news." Now let our junior reader say in Siamese: "It is old news that they badly want white rice." It would sound rather tautological to a foreigner.

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Coal restrictions may prevent controversies in the Highlands, where attempts to introduce artificial warmth into the kirk has always been resisted. One sturdy Spartan, for whose church a stove was proposed, demanded that the sermons of the Minister should put fire into the congregation. Another objected that the stove had pipes like an organ, and he would have nothing savouring of Popery in the Kirk of Scotland.

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The Bolshevists of Germany, says the *Malay Mail*, follow the example of their erstwhile leaders in going to the history books for a name. Spartacus was a noble Thracian, who served in an auxiliary corps of the Roman Army. Having deserted and been apprehended, he was reduced to slavery and made a gladiator. In 78 B. C. he and two Gaulish fellow prisoners broke loose with about seventy comrades, and took refuge in the crater of Vesuvius. Spartacus then proclaimed freedom to slaves, and for two years he defeated all the armies sent against him, finally having 100,000 men under his command, and holding all Lucania and Bruttium.

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He is no inconsiderable member of his Majesty's Forces, is the old war horse. He has done his bit in a hundred ways that should bring the blush of shame to the cheeks of the pacifist and the "conscientious" objector. And when one speaks of the war horse one must not forget his humbler and more obstinate cousin, the war mule. It is good to know that he is well looked after. I remember one transport driver whose horse was killed while it was out with another man. He went across half a mile of badly shelled country and risked a deadly hail of indirect machine-gun fire, just to say a last good-bye to his dead pal. They had had thier good and bad times together. He could not bear that the horse should "go west" without a word of farewell.

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England, my England. What do you think of it now when on reading the advertisements for servants you find a kitchenmaid is wanted where eight other servants are kept in the house and there is only one bachelor gentleman to attend to, but a cycle is allowed? And another place in Oxford where there are also eight servants and two cycles are kept exclusively for their use, and yet another where for £30 you can get a job with six other servants, generous outings and use of cycle. A trifle different from the days of the Marchioness.

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Will Mr. John Masefield use the Doctor's degree which the University of Yale his just conferred on him? Five years ago the same University honoured in similar fashion Mr Alfred Noyes, but we do not see him described as "Dr. Noyes." Mr. Frederic Harrison has had three honorary doctorates conferred on him, but he still prefers "Mr." to "Dr."

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Ladies Inter Club Tournament.

The fourth annual Ladies Inter-Club Tennis Tournament took place at the Peak Club on Monday, three Clubs participating, with the Ladies Recreation Club heading the list with 51 games, only three games ahead of the Peak Club. Details:—

L. R. C.

Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. Kent beat Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Cary 8 3; beat Mrs. Stark and Miss Wilkinson 9-2; beat Mrs. Bevington and Mrs. Dresper 8-3; beat Miss Robinson and Miss Ventris 8 3.

Mrs Hammond and Mrs Nisbet beat Mrs Anderson and Mrs Cary 7-4; lost to Mrs Stark and Miss Wilkinson 4-7; lost to Mrs Bevington and Mrs Dresper 5-6; lost to Miss Robinson and Miss Ventris 2 9.

Total: For 51; Against 37.

Peak Club.

Mrs Anderson and Mrs Cary lost to Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Kent 3 8; lost to Mrs Nisbet and Mrs Hammond 4 7; beat Mrs Bevington and Mrs Dresper 7-4; beat Miss Robinson and Miss Ventris 8 3.

U. S. R. C.

Mrs. Bevington and Mrs. Dresper lost to Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. Kent 3 8; beat Mrs. Hammond and Mrs. Nisbet 6 5; lost to Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Cary 4 7; lost to Mrs. Stark and Miss Wilkinson 3 8.

Mrs Stark and Miss Wilkinson lost to Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Kent 2-9; beat Mrs Hammond and Mrs Nisbet 7-4; beat Miss Robinson and Miss Ventris 9 2.

Total: For 48; Against 40.

Miss Robinson and Miss Ventris lost to Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. Kent 3 8; beat Mrs. Hammond and Mrs. Nisbet 9 2; lost to Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Cary 3 8; lost to Mrs. Stark and Miss Wilkinson 2 9.

Total: For 33; Against 55.

The L.R.C. has now won the Challenge Shield three times and the Peak Club once.

Ladies Singles, Open Championship.

In this competition Mrs. Armstrong, L.R.C., plays Miss Robinson, U.S.R.C., and the winner meets Mrs. Miller, Wigwam, who had a walk over from Mrs. Mitchell. The first named match is arranged for Friday next at the U.S.R.C. and should be a close one.

Q. M. N. G.

Naval and Dockyard Branch.

The Naval and Dockyard Branch of the Queen Mary's Needlework Guild recommenced working on board H. M. S. Tamar, on September 6th, meeting one day a week. The following 24 members rejoined:—Mesdames Barnett, Brown, Bentley, Carey, Crees, Cochran, Dresper, Heard, Innes, Knight, Kennett, Long, Platt, Phillips, Rodney, Sanders, Searle, Sears, Titmus, Windebank, Winfield, Miss Lillie, Miss Parker, Miss Rodney. Cutters out—Mesdames Knight, Brown, Long, Crees and Carey.

Articles sent up to date to City Hall are:—35 pyjamas, 94 shirts, 29 bed jackets, 20 doz. handkerchiefs, 57 vests, 19 mosquito nets, 44 mops, 13 pneumonia jackets, 7 knee caps, 4 pairs socks, 3 jerseys, 15 pants, 2 doz. jag covers.

The members have decided to continue working under the War Charities Committee till next summer.

MRS. GURNER,
Secretary Naval and Dockyard Branch.

LEAGUE FOOTBALL.

Next Saturday's Matches.

There are two Senior League games on Saturday next of a very interesting nature in connection with the United Services League. Both games will start at 4 p.m. and probably the Navy v. Club game on the Club ground will provide the most speculation as to the result. The Navy did not feel satisfied with their last meeting with the Club, when they lost by 1 goal to nil, and are hoping to reverse the verdict this time. The result is very open and the Navy are stronger than at any other time for several seasons back, but the Club can always be relied on to put up a good fight and there should not be many goals between the teams at the finish.

The other Senior game, between the R.G.A. and the Royal Engineers, should be a very keen fight also if the two teams field their best, but on last Saturday's form the R. A. are much better.

St. Joseph's College and 87th Coy, also the 88th Coy and Navy Reserves should be worth seeing, as the R. A. Company teams, have a habit of springing surprises, but on form the Military teams will be beaten in each case.

The teams and officials are as follow:—United Services League—Navy v. Club kick off 4 p.m., Club Ground; Referee, Mr. Pragnall. R.E. v R.G.A., kick off 4 p.m., Navy ground, referee, Mr. Tucher.

2nd Division.—87th Coy. v. St. Joseph's; kick off 2.30 p.m., Club ground, referee Mr. Leach. 88th Coy. v. Navy Reserves, kick off 2.30 p.m., Navy ground; referee Mr. Stevenson.

The following players have been chosen to represent the Hongkong Football Club in their game with the Royal Navy on Saturday:—C. C. Hickling; F. W. Back and J. McCubbin; W. Hamilton, J Stewart and J D. Carriere; E. Riis, A. H. Clark, D. Rischelmann H. McTavish and C. Jennings.

GERMAN CONSULATE AT SHAMEEN.

How the Keys Were Secured.

Interesting details in connection with the taking over of the German Consulate by the British, in Shameen, have just come to hand.

It appears that when the official instructions for the interment of Germans came to hand, a representative of the British Consulate proceeded to the German Consulate and formally demanded the handing over of the keys from the German official in charge (name unknown), but was met with a point blank refusal. Thereupon the British official departed and later returned with an armed guard of bluejackets, and, upon again requesting the handing over of the keys of the Consulate, was asked by the German official whether the guard was fully armed with ammunition. A reply being given in the affirmative, the keys were handed over, the official saying that under the circumstances he had no alternative to compliance but that he acted so under protest.

Later a British armed guard was sent to remove the German Imperial Arms from over the entrance to the Consulate.

It is reported that the German Consul has disappeared. He is said to have gone somewhere up the West River.

SUPREME COURT.

Application for Writ of Habeas Corpus.

In the Supreme Court, this morning, before Sir William Rees Davies, K.C., (Chief Justice,) application was made on behalf of Kong Chai Ten *alias* Cong Chai Ten, *alias* Cong Chai Yan, detained in Victoria Gaol, for an order of writ of Habeas Corpus that he may appear before His Lordship for consideration of matters concerning him.

Mr. Eldon Potter, instructed by Mr. P. W. Goldring, of Messrs. Goldring and Phillips, appeared on behalf the appellant.

Mr. Potter said this was an application for a writ of Habeas Corpus on behalf of one Kong Chai Ten, at present confined in Victoria Gaol, in order that he return to Macao under extradition proceedings taken against him. He is charged with being a fugitive offender and to have been convicted in the Macao Courts and having escaped from prison there. The grounds on which Counsel said that his Lordship could grant the application were set out in an affidavit by Mr. Goldring. He thought the reasons were nearly covered by Clause F. of the affidavit—"that the Magistrate is wrong in refusing to give a definite ruling." Proceeding, Mr. Potter said that the Magistrate "should have informed the fugitive that he had the right to appeal to the Supreme Court within fifteen days under section 166 of the Ordinance of 1881. Counsel said that he would confine himself to Clause E of the affidavit—"That the whole of the extradition proceedings are bad and they should have been brought under the local (Macao) Ordinance, No. 1 of 1881 and not under the Extradition Act of 1870" because he thought His Lordship would, after further argument, grant the rule. The position was that there was a special Macao Extradition Act, namely No. 1 of 1881, which was in existence before ever the Treaty was made with Portugal, for the extradition of fugitive offenders specially passed in this Colony to deal with special cases of surrender to Macao. Counsel contended that the fugitive in the present case ought to have been dealt with under that Ordinance. As a matter of fact, the Crown insisted that they were entitled to proceed solely under the Home Extradition Act of 1870 and that they were entitled to totally ignore the Macao Extradition Ordinance which left Counsel in the peculiar position that apparently they had two acts of law governing extradition in this Colony and the Crown can chose which it likes and thus deprive appellant of a very great number of rights. The Macao Extradition Act was the only Ordinance under which they could surrender a criminal for extradition to Macao. The Treaty was made with Portugal on October 17, 1892, for the surrender of a fugitive criminal and on March 19, 1894, by an Order-in-Council the Home Extradition Act was applied to cases of surrender to Portugal as is the ordinary procedure. When that Treaty was made this Extraditon Act was extended by Order-in-Council. The Portuguese Treaty by article 17 expressly reserves the right of both contracting parties to make any provisions they like for extradition of a fugitive offender from their Colonies. He did not think there was any doubt as to the provisions of that Treaty and that they were put there to cover any existing provisions for surrender and to establish the arrangements made by the Colonies. Here they had special arrangments which had been in existence from 1881 up to the present day. Under those arrangements the Magistrate should have informed the appellant that he had the right to appeal within 15 days.

After hearing further argument His Worship granted the application and upon the Rule being returned a Full Court (i.e. 3) and two Judges [illegible]

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SHIPPING NEWS.

Government and Ship Control.

"We are convinced that however necessary Government control of the shipping industry may be under war conditions it would mean eventual ruination if continued for any lengthy period in times of peace." This is the deduction made (says the current number of the "Merchant Service Review") as the result of evidence obtained by one of its special representatives during a visit to the principal ports in the United Kingdom for information respecting the question of "Post-War Shipping control". "In many cases," says the journal, "our representative was informed that companies owning quite a number of steamers before the war had gone out of business, either owing to losses due to the enemy, or, as more often obtained, because their ships did not pay, and they have sold them. In other cases owners of Government chartered ships were so bound round with restrictions and Government formalities that the whole of their time was taken up in trying to fathom them. The great danger we see in all this is that business men who for years past have helped to build up the shipping industry in this country have lost all interest. Their experience and foresight have, in fact, become lost to the country—a very serious state of affairs, of which we shall feel the effects after the war, when the shipping industry will be of such vital importance in building up our lost trade. With the best intentions in the world, the Government have only succeeded in ousting the small shipowners to the advantage of the larger combines, who alone have been left the organisation and staff necessary to carry on. We would enter a strong plea for a more enlightened policy, which would encourage the smaller shipowner to remain in the business and to prevent the large combines which are now taking place, and which, after all, are only reverting to the incubus of trusts, which were fought so successfully in this country in pre war days."

Shipping Sales.

A brisk inquiry proceeds for all classes of steam tonnage, says the "Journal of Commerce," and sellers are able to command a very high level of prices, notwithstanding the continued uncertainty of the position as regards the outlook for British shipping, which is making some of our older people in the business very seriously consider the desirability of selling out at present favourable prices. The W. and C. T. Jones Steamship Co., Ltd., who were announced recently as likely to pay out their shareholders, have just concluded the sale of their last remaining steamer, Nantwen, which has been purchased by Messrs. Morgan and Cadogan, Ltd., of Cardiff for £145,000, at which price she must be regarded as a satisfactory acquisition, having been built so recently as 1912 by Messrs Richardson, Duck and Co., at Stockton-on-Tees, fitted with triple expansion engines and three single ended boilers by Messrs. Blair and Co., also of Stockton-on-Tees. She is of single-deck type, 3,030 tons net register, and 4,764 tons gross, and carries 1,400 tons water ballast in usual compartments. She passed a special survey at Cardiff last February, and stands as the highest class in Lloyd's Register. Length of hull, 308ft., beam, 50ft., depth moulded, 30.4ft. She is registered at the port of Cardiff. The Leesten Shipping Co., Ltd., also of Cardiff, have have just bought the Whitby registered steamer Competitor for the sum of £100,000. She is of single-deck type, built in 1907 at West Hartlepool by Messrs, Furness, Withy and Co., and fitted with triple expansion engines and two single-ended boilers, 312 nominal h.p. by Messrs. Richardsons, Westgarth and Co., Ltd., of West Hartlepool. Net register 2,216 tons, gross 3,526, and d.w. capacity 6,000 tons; water ballast capacity, 1,050 tons. Passed last survey at Hull in February, and stands 100 A1 in Lloyd's Register. Last owned by Austin Friars S.S. Co., Ltd., Messrs. Hodder, Middleton and Co., Ltd., managers. Length, 348.5ft., beam, 49.7ft., depth moulded 25.8ft.

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T. ENEW,
Act. Superintendent.

Hongkong, November 30, 1918.

HONGKONG STORM SIGNAL CODE. (LOCAL).

Introduced on 1st JULY, 1917.

DAY SIGNALS.

SIGNAL	SYMBOL.	MEANING.
1.	(RED) ▲	A typhoon exists which may possibly cause a gale at Hongkong within 24 hours.
2.	▲	Gale expected from the North (N.W. to N.E.)
3.	▼	" " South (S.E. to S.W.)
4.	■	" " East (N.E. to S.E.)
5.	●	" " West (N.W. to S.W.)
6.	⧗	Gale expected to increase.
7.	✚	Wind of typhoon force expected (any direction.)

Signal No. 1 is intended as a warning to "Stand By" and watch for the next signal. When it is hoisted after a black signal has been displayed it will mean that, on account of a change in the track of the typhoon, or for some other reason, a gale is no longer expected from the direction indicated by the last signal, and that another black signal may possibly be hoisted later.

Signal No. 7 will be accompanied by three explosive bombs, fired at intervals of 10 seconds at the Water Police Station and repeated at the Harbour Office.

The signals will be lowered when it is considered that all danger is over.

The Day Signals will be displayed at the masthead of the storm signal mast on Blackhead Hill, the Harbour Office, H.M.S. Tamar, Green Island signal mast, the flagstaff on the premises of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company at Kowloon, the flagstaff on the premises of the Standard Oil Company at Lai-chi-kok, and the flagstaff near the Field Officer's Quarters at Lyemun.

NIGHT SIGNALS. (Lamps.)

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.
WHITE	WHITE	GREEN	GREEN	WHITE	GREEN	RED
WHITE	GREEN	WHITE	GREEN	WHITE	GREEN	GREEN
WHITE	GREEN	WHITE	WHITE	GREEN	GREEN	RED

The Night Signals will be displayed, at sunset, on the tower of the Railway Station, on H.M.S. Tamar, and on the Harbour Office flagstaff. They will have the same signification as the day signals.

Signal No. 7 will be accompanied by explosive bombs as above, in the event of the information conveyed by this signal being first published at night.

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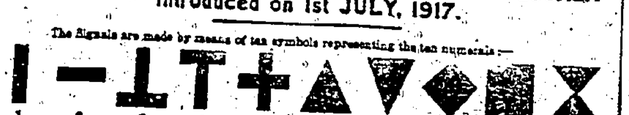
to notify the fact to native craft and passing ocean vessels.

Further details can always be given to ocean vessels, on demand, by signal from lighthouses.

HONGKONG STORM SIGNAL CODE. (NON-LOCAL).

Introduced on 1st JULY, 1917.

The Signals are made by means of ten symbols representing the ten numerals:—



They are displayed at the yard arms of the Storm Signal mast on Blackhead Hill, and remain until an order to change or lower is received from the Observatory.

The following information is given:—

Typhoon and Continental Depression Signals: (a) Position of centre: by 4 symbols at one yard arm. (b) Direction of motion and velocity of centre, and the time; by 3 symbols at the other yard arm (Tables 1, 2 and 3).

Gale Signals: (c) The region threatened, the direction from which the gale is expected, and the time; by 3 symbols at one yard arm (Tables 3 and 4).

EXPLANATION OF THE SIGNALS.

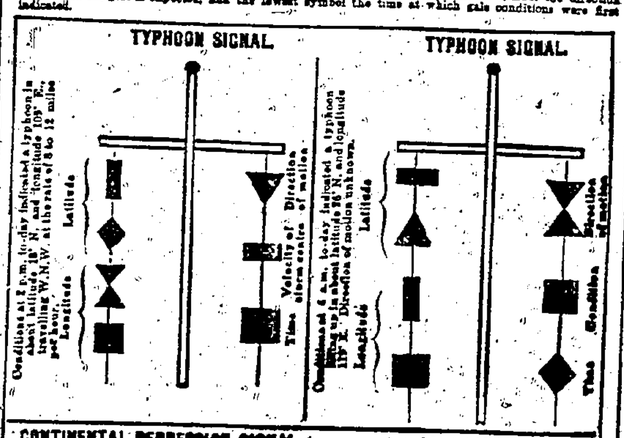
The two upper signals of group (a) indicate the latitude, and the two lower symbols the longitude of the centre of the Typhoon or Depression in degrees, as nearly as can be ascertained from the information available. Only the tens and units of the longitude are given; thus, 09 indicates longitude 109° E.

The upper symbol of group (b) indicates the direction in which the Typhoon or Depression is travelling. (Table 1.)

The middle symbol of group (b) indicates the velocity at which the centre of the Typhoon is travelling. Alternatively it may indicate certain conditions, or a Continental Depression. In such cases no velocity is given.

The lowest symbol of group (b) indicates the time at which the centre was in the position signalled.

The upper symbol of group (c) indicates the region threatened; the middle symbol the direction from which the gale is expected, and the lowest symbol the time at which gale conditions were first indicated.



CAUTION.—Under the most favourable circumstances the position signal indicates only the degree of latitude and longitude nearest to the estimated position of the centre. When the centre is far from any reporting station, or when telegraphic reports are lacking, the position signalled may be as much as 1° in error, both in latitude and longitude, and the velocity and direction of motion will then be in error by corresponding amounts.

It should be particularly noted that the velocity signalled is the mean for the previous 24 or 24 hours.

Table No. 1.—Direction Signals.

APPLE SYMBOL OF HOIST.

These indicate the direction in which a typhoon or depression is travelling, or the direction from which a monsoon gale is expected.

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	0.
N.	N.N.E.	N.E.	E. or E.S.E.	W.S.W.	W.	W.N.W.	N.W.	N.N.W.	Unknown

Table No. 2.—Velocity and Condition Signals.

MIDDLE SYMBOL OF HOIST.

VELOCITY.							CONDITION.		
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	0.
Mean 5-15	Mean 15-25	Mean 25-35	Mean 35-45	Above 45	Equiv. Moderate Gale	Velocity Unknown	Nominal	Filling up	Continental Depression

Table No. 3.—Time Signals.

LOWEST SYMBOL OF HOIST.

6.	7.	8.	9.
6 a.m. Yesterday.	3 p.m. Yesterday.	6 a.m. To-day.	3 p.m. To-day.

Table No. 4.—Regions Threatened by Monsoon Gales.

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	0.
Hongkong	Coast of Kwangtung	Coast of Kwangsi	Coast of Tonkin	Coast of Hainan	Coast of Formosa	Coast of Fukien	Coast of Chekiang	Coast of Kiangsu	Coast of Shantung

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Shanghai	Singan	B. & S.	10, Dec.
Shanghai, Moji and Kobe	Yoroppa M.	N. Y. K.	11, Dec.
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Saigon	Nias	J.C.J. L.	12, Dec.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haihong	D. L. Co.	13, Dec.
Manila	Loongsang	J. M. Co.	13, Dec.
Straits and Calcutta	Kwaisang	J. M. Co.	14, Dec.
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Macassar	Tjiliwong	J.C.J. L.	22, Dec.
Saigon	Tjipanas	J.C.J. L.	24, Dec.
Batavis	Tjikini	J.C.J. L.	25, Dec.
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The China Mail S.S. C... left Yokohama on November 30th, Homeward bound for San Francisco.

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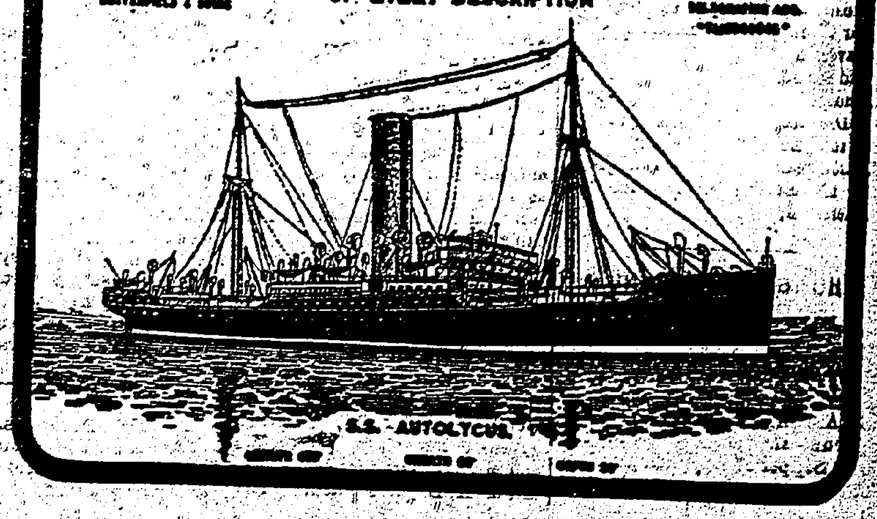

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"Heather Day" Illustrations on Saturday.

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1. "England."—Hon. Mr. Holyoak's car.
2. "Greece." — Mr. Leeman's car.
3. "Serbia."—Mr. Beattie's car.
4. —Official opening of St. Andrew's Fair.
5. —General view of Fair Ground.
6. —The Scottish Women's Stall.
7. —The Merry-go-Round.
8. —"The Hindenburg Line"
9. —Hokey Pokey.
10. —Entrance to the Zoo.
11. —The Zoo attendants.
12. —St. Andrew's Bank.

As there is likely to be a big demand for these pictures, those desirous of securing a copy of the Pictorial Supplement (which is presented gratis with the paper) should send in their orders early.

OBITUARY.

Death of Mr. J. Weir.

Typhoid has claimed another victim amongst Europeans in this Colony, and it is with deep regret that we chronicle the death of Mr. J. Weir, of the Taikoo Dockyard.

Deceased had been unwell for some days, having contracted influenza on the 31st October. He returned to work twelve days after, and the next day—Victory Day—he went to stroll in the streets in the morning but feeling unwell he returned to his house and remained at home till the 18th, but was removed to hospital afterwards. There his case was diagnosed as typhoid and being in a weak condition from influenza he could not stand the strain. He died at 7 o'clock to-day, death being hastened by his weak condition.

Mr. Weir was a native of Greenock and came to the Taikoo Dockyard from Messrs. Caird and Co. as assistant chief engineer draftsman, which position he held till his death. He was a keen worker in connection with the Union Church and he and his wife for many years superintended the Sunday School at Quarry Bay.

He leaves a widow but no children and to his wife the greatest sympathy is extended in her bereavement. Deceased also leaves a sister, Mrs. Atcheson, and a cousin, Mr. Grott, both of whom reside at Taikoo.

Deceased was a member of the Engineer Company of the Defence Corps and will be given a military funeral to-morrow afternoon.

HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

Administrative Orders by Major

H. A. Morgan state:—

Funeral.—The funeral of the late Sapper J. Weir will pass the Monument at 5 p.m. on Friday, 6th instant.

The Engineer Company will attend. Officers, N. C. O.'s and men of other units are invited to attend. Dress, Review order (tunic, trousers, belt, sidearms) without sp.

"LE COURRIER DE L'AIR."

News for the Belgians.

According to the frontier correspondent of the Amsterdam *Telegraaf*, quoted by the *Times*, the German commander at Ghent, Major von Blucher, issued a proclamation to the inhabitants, threatening them with a fine of £150 or one year's imprisonment, or both, if they failed to hand over immediately any literature dropped by airmen in Belgium. The correspondent adds:—

I have seen a copy of a newspaper printed in London and entitled La Courrier de l'Air. With a small piece of lead attached, it was thrown out of some flying machine, as the inscription "By balloon" indicated. The newspaper contained war news, and a review of the situation in Germany.

The Belgian population was of course eager to take up, read and spread such literature dropped from the air. But the Germans wanted to keep all uncensored news out of the occupied territory. Hence the proclamation of the German commander.

Leaflets destined for German soldiers are also thrown out from aeroplanes.

One I saw, for instance, consisted of letters from German prisoners of war telling of their good treatment in British and French prisoner-of-war camps.

U.S. "SALESMEN" IN EUROPE.

Possible Commercial Results from Establishments in France.

Pittsburgh, October 3.—For the longer future, after the first readjustment, the great question among steel men is whether Europe will adopt American methods. Magnificent samples of the best American practice, in the building of railroads, docks warehouses, have been laid down in France. If these methods are adopted much American steel will be called for, despite the fact that British and French works will be able to furnish a fairly large tonnage. South America, Australia, and perhaps Africa will call for a great deal of steel. Financing will have to be done, but when the need is so obvious financing ought not to be difficult. The lesson of undreamed-of war loans being floated will not be lost.

In the United States it is new construction of bridges, buildings, and railroads that in the long run consumes the major portion of the steel. In a period of years there will be much new construction, but it is quite possible the plans will be formulated much more slowly than will be the case abroad. There the need will be obvious: here it is a matter of exercising judgment. There has been an enormous amount of building for the purpose of furnishing war material, for instance, and there will have to be study as to the extent to which the facilities left by the war can be utilized for peace.

A Shady Kerosene Deal.

Seven Chinese were charged this morning before Mr. J. R. Wood with the larceny of 200 tins of kerosene worth about $600. Mr. P. W. Goldring appeared for the first defendant and Mr. E. J. Grist for the others. Mr. M. K. Lo prosecuted. The defendants excuse was that they purchased the kerosene from the complainant's foki, who has absconded. The case is proceeding.

THE S.S. SUNNING.

Rumour of Her Loss Discounted.

Yesterday and to-day a rumour has prevailed in Canton and Hongkong that the China Navigation steamer Sunning which left Hongkong on Thursday last for Shanghai, has been wrecked off Amoy and that all on board—numbering some 700 had lost their lives.

On enquiry from Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, we gather that they have received no news of any such untoward happening and that in the absence thereof they conclude that the vessel is safe.

To-day our Canton correspondent writes that Messrs. Butterfield and Swire have informed the Press Society there that the rumour is untrue and that the steamer has safely arrived in Shanghai.

TO-DAY'S CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

Latest News from the North.

Peking, Dec. 4.

A Mandate orders the burning of the remaining portion of the opium recently purchased by the Government, the burning to be carried out in the presence of Commissioners from the Customs and the Ministry.

A Memorandum has been forwarded by the Allied Ministers to the South-West Government.

The President has wired to Tsang Shao Yi in Shanghai to delay proceeding to Canton, but to co-operate with Li Shan (Tuchun of Nanking) to conclude an early peace.

The Chinese Minister in Tokio telegraphs Japan's willingness unconditionally to return Taingtan to China.

Diplomatic information states that the Cuba Government notifies the Consul in Hongkong to supply passports and accord favourable treatment to Chinese merchants or travellers leaving for Cuba.

Shanghai, Dec. 4.

At the Palace a special meeting was held yesterday morning.

The President presided and Tuan Chi-jui (late Premier), six Tuchuns and all the Cabinet Ministers attended. After the announcement by the President with regard to the receipt of the Memorandum of advice from the five Allied Powers, it was unanimously decided to comply with the South-west's request to hold a peace conference in Shanghai.

The British Legation gave a dinner to-day. All the gentry and officials were invited except the Tuchuns.

The doyen of the Diplomatic Corps called on the Wai Chia Pu (Foreign Dpt.) and inquired if there were any truth in the report that Tuan Chi-jui will be asked to form a Cabinet again. He said as a man Tuan deserves respect, but to ask him to form a Cabinet at the present moment would mean putting obstacles in the way of the peace movement. The Wai Chia Pu replied that the proposal was only by a certain section of politicians and the idea need not be taken seriously.

The Diplomatic Corps say the old Parliament is too old, while the new Parliament is without foundation. While they do not like to make any suggestion publicly, they have already asked certain advisers to transmit an idea to the Peking authorities.

More Donations.

The Central Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the Al Fresco Fete to be held on 8th instant:—Mrs. J. M. Castro Basto, $25; Mr. N. J. Stabb, $25; Sir C. P. Chater, $50.

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, C.B.E., state:—

Inspection.

All ranks, except patrolmen for duty on that night, will parade at Central Station at 5.15 p.m. sharp on Tuesday next, December 10th, for inspection by the Hon. Mr. Mc. I Messer, Captain Superintendent of Police. Attendance by 2nd Shift patrolmen is called for, but is not made compulsory.

Uniform:—Blue caps and covers, belts and rifles. Inspectors will wear belts and swords.—

Mounted Police will attend dismounted.

Ambulance Platoon will carry bottles and haversacks.

Company and Platoon Commanders will attend at H.Q. Office on Monday, December 9, at 5.15 p.m.

Revolver Course, 1918.

No squads will be detailed for instruction during week commencing Monday, December 9th.

Patrol Expenses etc.

The Police Reserve Accountant orders that all accounts for services rendered up to December 15th must be sent in before the close of the year.

Band.

The Band will play at the Theatre Royal on Saturday, December 14th, at 8.30 p.m.

Practices at 6.0 p.m. will take place on Tuesday, December 24th and Friday December 27th.

Fancy Dress Dance.

There will be a meeting of all Committees at H. Q. Club on Monday, December 9th, at 5.45 p.m.

CHARTERED BANK.

Details of the New Issue.

The local branch of the Chartered Bank has received the following telegram from its Head Office in London:—

"Referring to our telegram of 8th November, Treasury raise no objection proposed issue. Confirmatory meetings will be held 18th December, 8th January. Proposed payments of new shares to be made by 4 instalments £10 each on or before 1st March, 2nd June, 1st September, 1st December. Interest on instalments 5 per cent. per annum from date of payment until 31st December next year, after which new shares rank pari passu existing shares. Fractional shares will be issued. Transfer books closed 8th January to 15th January."

This refers to the information already published that the shareholders are entitled to subscribe to 40,000 new shares at £40 a share in the proportion of two new shares for every three shares held.

A Digger of Graves.

Grave-diggers are a peaceful, law-abiding class, and we cannot think of any local grave-digger who has as yet sullied this good name. Therefore when one such digger was called to face the music of Mr. Melbourne's Court we exclaimed "*Mutatis mutantur.*" The man under notice had a record of eleven solid years honest work and the complaint against him was that he was in possession of a few pieces of wood which he said he cut down from a tree. The digger's plea was that the tree obstructed his work and he cut it down. He could not show the Police the spot where it stood, but like an honest man—all diggers are—he brought to the Police Station a day after his arrest 40 catties of wood which he said he procured from a tree that he felled. There was too much noise in the Court, and the Magistrate forgot to give him credit for these eleven catties, but fined him $2 and told him that he must get the permission of the rightful authorities before he fells any more trees.

THE ALLIED VICTORY.

Celebrations at Fort Bayard.

There were great celebrations at Fort Bayard in honour of the Allied victory, a big programme of sports being organised by the *police* of the 12th Company. In the presence of a large crowd, including the most prominent residents, football and athletic events were held, the latter including high jump, long jump, etc. The day closed with a grand soiree, at which songs were rendered by the leading local vocalists. The athletic tournament was especially enjoyed, the splendid feats of those taking part evoking much praise.

The civilian population participated with great joy in the celebrations, while the *police* showed their delight in no mistaken manner at the fact that the fours years of war had come to an end. Congratulations were heartily bestowed on those who had been responsible for the excellence of the arrangements.

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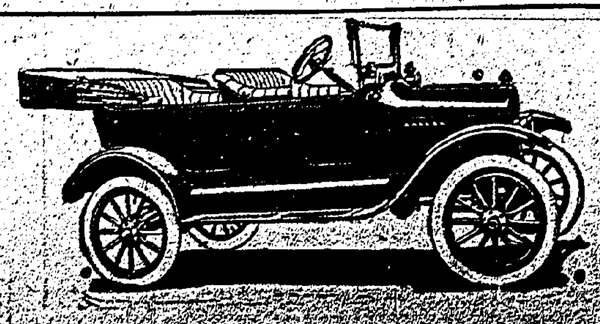
Dangerous-looking daggers frighten Chinese money-changers, ladies, children and watchmen, but they have no terrors for Mr. C. D. Melbourne, for when this morning he was trying five Chinese for being in unlawful possession of three dangerous-looking daggers he appeared quite composed in his seat. We always looked upon a Chinese as one absolutely void of humour so when one of these defendants explained to the magistrate that his dagger was used by his son not for cutting human beings but fruit, he unconsciously made a remark that he will blush to find fame. Sergeant Blackman said that a house in Tin Po street was searched and three daggers were found concealed under a mat, also a packet of pepper and one thing more—on which there was a good deal of wrangling—papers relating to the Triad Society. The magistrate's duty is not to take a lukong's words as gospel truth, and in all cases—even if he says the night was dark—he has to be questioned. That is a cardinal principle and when the query came from the Magistrate: "How do you know they refer to a Triad Society?" this reply was given:—"I am not quite sure on the point, but I was under the impression that the written characters on the book related to such a Society being in existence." Sentence of the Court: 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th defendants, fined $100 each or six weeks' hard labour, 2nd defendant fined $250.

To Revise Customs Laws.

Washington, October 5.—A general revision of the Customs Administrative Laws has been recommended to the House Ways and Means Committee by the Tariff Commission. One of the chief changes proposed is that collectors, appraisers, and deputy auditors be appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury instead of by the President, thus bringing them under civil service, and that their terms be six years instead of four.



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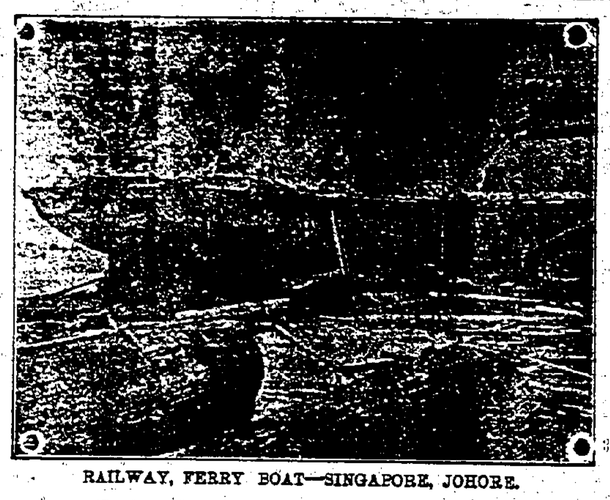

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COMMERCIAL NEWS.

The World's Crops.

Wheat, according to estimates received by the Board of Agriculture from the International Agricultural Institute, has been produced this year to the extent of 982,678,000 cwts. in England and Wales, Canada, India, the United States, Spain, Japan, Egypt, and Tunis, or 17.1 per cent. more than in 1917 and 7.6 per cent. above the average for the five years 1912-16. Barley is estimated to prove 5.2 per cent. greater than the yield of 1917 and 7.2 above the average for 1912-16; and oats 34 less than last year, but 12.8 per cent. above the average for the five years mentioned. Maize production in the United States and Canada is 15.4 per cent. less than 1917, and the potato yield in France, England, and Wales, Canada, and the United States this year is reckoned to be 12.6 per cent. below that of 1917.

The Tin Industry.

Control of domestic pig tin industry, says an American exchange of Oct. 7, has been approved by the War Industries Board, which will place the industry upon a license system. According to an announcement issued by the Board "all users or dealers in pig tin will be licensed and a complete inventory of stocks on hand and contracts unfilled will be made and, if necessary, supplies will be redistributed to equalise same according to essential uses." The War Industries Board has sent out questionnaires to two thousand individuals and plants calling for the information under oath demanded by the inventory. This action follows the arrangement of an international pool for the distribution of the world's production of tin, of which two-thirds has been allotted to the United States. All imports of pig tin, tin ores, and concentrates are to be consigned to the American Iron and Steel Institute and will be distributed to the licensees through the United States Steel Products Company. Prices will be regulated by the War Industries Board and will be uniform and at a level that will encourage production in the tin mining countries. No intimation has been given as to the possible maximum price. The fact that Banka and Chinese tin quotations rank above those for Straits shipments has led to the suggestion in the trade that Dutch and Chinese tin are not covered by the international pool arrangement.

Harvests of the Belligerents.

London, September 28.—In this country, where the harvest is late, but the outlook satisfactory, trade authorities estimate our wheat production at 92,000,000 bushels, as against 60,000,000 last year. That yield would be the largest since 1878. The potato crop is also nearly a million tons above 1917. Italy's wheat crop is promising; Russia's outlook is in reality unknown. Hungary's production is disappointing; it is 16,000,000 bushels below last year's harvest, which was itself unsatisfactory.

Exchange and Spanish Trade.

Commenting on the recent movements of Spanish exchange, emphasis is laid by London newspapers on the fact that whereas in the first half of 1917, Spain's imports of merchandise, gold and silver, exceeded exports by 24,797,000 pesetas, or $4,950,000, the first half of 1918 showed that exports exceeded imports by 110,486,000 pesetas, or $22,080,000. In merchandise alone, however, there was an "export excess" of $50,000,000 in the six-month period of 1917, but a similar excess of only $25,400,000 in 1918.

An Echo of 1857.

An unobtrusive paragraph (No. 1996) of the *Gazette of India* for August 31, 1918, recalls the time when British dominion in Northern India was for some time imperilled. It contains the names of nine Mutiny veterans, upon whom the Governor General in Council has been pleased to confer the little of Bahadur and assignments of land revenue to the value of Rs. 660 per annum. More than sixty years have passed since the terrible "year of killing," and of those Indian soldiers, who, in those difficult days, were loyal to the Empress whose salt they had eaten, not more than a bare handful remain. But the State does not forget the services they rendered long ago. Since 1913 it has been the practice to reserve for a Mutiny veteran one of the grants of land or assignments of land revenue which are annually distributed to deserving Indian officers. But in view of the great age of these veterans who have deserved so well of their King and Country, the Government of India have decided to confer these honours on all whose past services merit recognition without making them wait their turns for the annual grant reserved especially for them.

A NEW LEPER COLONY.

Establishment at Sz Yap.

The writer has just returned from that progressive and populous section of Kwong-tung Province, south-west of Canton City and west of Hongkong and Macao, known as the Sz Yap, or Four Districts. It is said that of the seventy thousand or more Chinese in the United States alone, to say nothing of Canada and some other countries, fully ninety per cent. have gone from those four districts—San Wooi, San Ning, Yan Ping, and Hoi Ping.

For a good many years, these journeys to that section have been taken regularly but this one of four weeks was unique. Its object was to stir up a deeper interest in the hitherto irregular work that has been undertaken for the lepers there, of whom there are said to be perhaps two thousand. In every city and town visited during the four weeks, addresses were made on the subject by members of our party and the enthusiasm was intense. Everybody seemed anxious to help on the enterprise.

Since the visit, a few months ago, of Mr. W. M. Danner, American Secretary of the International Mission to Lepers, this work has been taking shape and he and General Secretary Mr. W. H. P. Anderson have taken up seriously the raising of the funds.

The Honourable Wu Ting-fang is a native of the Sz Yap—of San Wooi—and, as everybody knows both in China and in America deeply interested in every good enterprise, and is antiring in his efforts to promote the welfare of his own native land. Wu gave us a letter to the San Ning District Magistrate, who in turn gave us letter to the officials at Kwong Hoi, and also gave us the use of a gun-boat, with which we visited some of the islands in China Sea off the San Ning Coast. We found what seems to be the ideal location for a leper colony for the Delta Region an island entirely uninhabited, with plenty of fresh water, fuel, and building material, and some thirty miles from the coast; and steps are being taken to secure the island for a committee of Chinese gentlemen, to hold in trust for this work. Mr. Chen, the president of the San Ning (or Sunning) Railway very kindly gave free passes over the full length of his line to our party, which included all the trustees, and has promised a special train between Jan. 8 and Jan. 13, the time fixed for a visit to the Delta Region by a party of Chinese and Americans, who hope at that time to lay the corner-stone of the first building.

This work looks to the erection there of homes for the lepers and of a hospital, a chapel, and residences for the Chinese superintendent and the Chinese physician, who will have full charge of the institution, under a committee of Chinese.

The lepers who are able to do so will raise pigs and chickens, will plant vegetables, and will fish, for a living; while funds must be raised to feed and clothe those unfortunates who are unable to care for themselves.

Besides this Christian Charity towards these afflicted people, their segregation on these islands will stop the spread of the dread disease among the millions of people there, who are in constant danger.

An Advisory Board, composed of prominent Chinese men and women from that section, has been appointed, and the first to give his consent to serve was Dr. Wu Ting fang. Under such leadership, and with the help of a great international organization, by the blessing of God, we may hope soon to see this all-important enterprise successfully launched.—Rev. John Lake in *Canton Times*.

Indians Buy Liberty Bonds.

Muskogee, Okla., October 2.—The five civilised tribes of Indians have just subscribed $2,600,000 to the fourth Liberty Loan. Figures given out at the same time showed these tribes have up to now invested a total of $9,523,000 in Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps.

Truly German!

The following astounding piece of truly German infamy is recorded in the *Bergische Arbeiter-stimme*, of Solingen:—A four year old child was arraigned before the Prussian Penal Court at Solingen on a charge of violating paragraph 186 of the penal code by tearing the official seals placed on a case of books belonging to a man under arrest. The child being unable to read, the charge was solemnly read aloud (other by an usher of the court, and the seal in question fined 50 Marks (after another 50 being unable to find the money, she was sentenced to three days' imprisonment.

WHEN THE EARTH FREEZES.

Looking into The Future.

What will we do when the normal temperature of the earth falls to zero, even at the equator?

While it is estimated that meteorological condition will not develop for 2,000,000 of years to come, still, we, who are thus safely distant from that cold storage period, are justified in manifesting some interest in the manner by which such conditions will be possible, and how this change may effect that life and activities of man on the planet.

According to the astronomers we have the choice of either freezing or being roasted to death, for in the universe there are infinite extremes of heat and cold, and no man may foretell with anything of certainty how this world of ours will reach its end.

It is the work of a delver for truth named Stefan that gives a start in seeking the zero point of earth life. Applying his calculations to the mean temperature of the earth at a given latitude shows that at the latitude of 80 degs. the temperature was in the neighbourhood of 90 deg. centigrade when the sun's radius was about one and a half times its present dimensions—that is, about, 2,000,000 years ago.

Thus it would appear that life commenced on the earth in the vicinity of the poles. The same reasoning leads the men who are "held in the bondage of the stars" to the conclusion that in less than 2,000,000 years, when the sun's radius will be reduced by one tenth of its present value, the temperature of the earth will have fallen below 0 deg.

In accepting this prediction as cold fact, one wag remarks it is to be regretted that rare old Dr. Cook has lived 2,000,000 years before his time.

Return of U. S. Troops.

General March has announced that General Pershing has arranged for the early convoy to the United States of 2,489 officers and 75,000 men. The War Department expects to monthly transportation of 100,000 as soon as demobilization [illegible]

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A. SIRE,
Acting Manager.
Hongkong, October 21st, 1918.

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TSUBI OKO, Manager.

NOTICES.

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WEEK DAYS.

7.00 a.m.	to 8.00 a.m.	Every 15 min
8.00 "	to 9.30 "	" 10 min
9.30 "	to 10.00 "	" 15 min
10.30 "	to 11.00 "	" 15 min
11.30 "	to 12.30 p.m.	" 20 min
12.45 p.m.	to 1.15 "	" 10 min
1.45 "	to 2.15 "	" 10 min
2.45 "	to 3.15 " Saturdays only	" 15 min
3.30 "	to 4.00 "	" 30 min
4.30 "	to 6.00 " Saturdays only	" 15 min
4.00 "	to 5.00 "	" 15 min
6.00 "	to 8.00 "	" 10 min

NIGHT CARS.

8.50 p.m., 9.30 p.m., 10.00 p.m., 10.30 p.m., 11.00 p.m., 11.30 p.m. and 11.45 p.m.

SATURDAYS EXTRA CARS.

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SUNDAYS.

7.30 a.m.		
8.00 "	to 10.30 a.m.	Every 15 min
10.30 "	to 11.00 "	" 30 min
11.30 "	to 12.00 noon	" 15 min
12.00 noon	to 12.30 p.m.	" 10 min
12.30 p.m.	to 1.30 "	" 15 min
1.30 "	to 2.30 "	" 15 min
2.30 "	to 3.30 "	" 15 min
3.30 "	to 7.00 "	" 15 min
7.00 "	to 8.00 "	" 15 min

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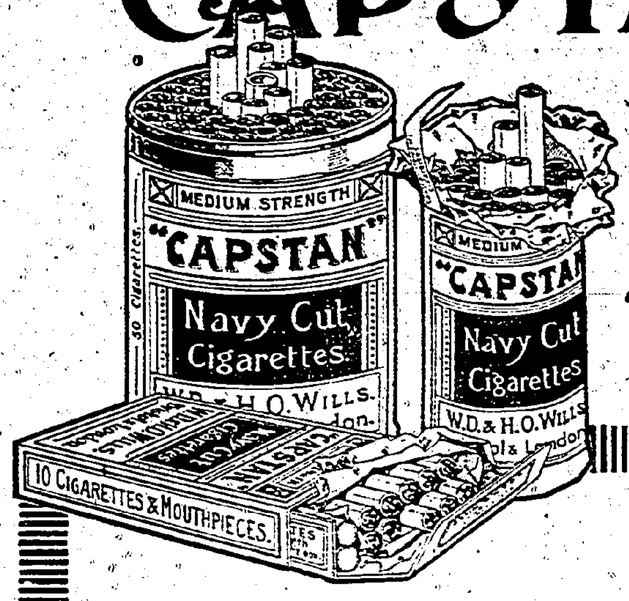

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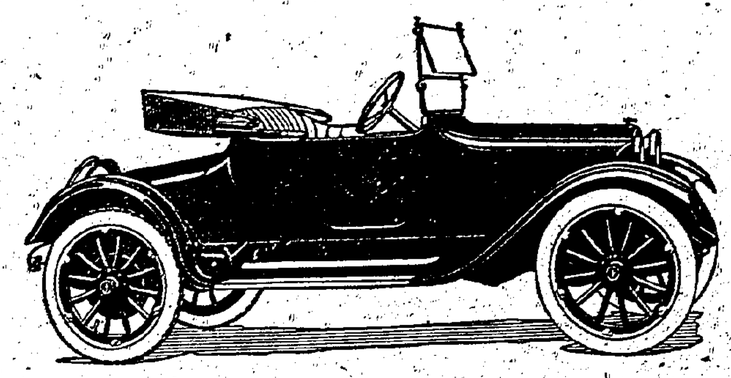

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Temperature	68	66	70
Humidity	73	84	66
Wind Direction	E.	E.	E.
" Force	2	3	4
Weather	c	c	c
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest open air Temperature on the 4th yesterday 66
Lowest " " 57th 66

H.K. Observatory, Dec. 5, 1918
T. F. CLAXTON, Director

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The Pacific Mail Co. is in receipt of telegraphic advice from the Manila Agency to the effect that s.s. ECUADOR Voyage 10 arrived at Honolulu November 27th 1918, on her way home to San Francisco.

NOTICES.

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The parcel post service to Cuba is suspended.

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The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

On and after May 1st 1918, Imperial Postal Orders will be cashed in India at the rate of 1/6 to the rupee.

No unofficial letter addressed to Abadan, Ahwaz or Mohammorah in the Persian Gulf may exceed eight ounces in weight.

The insured letter and insured parcel services between Egypt (or in transit through Egypt) and Cyprus are temporarily suspended.

Correspondence addressed to enemy subjects in China, Siam, Siberia and Portuguese East Africa, Persia and Morocco cannot be transmitted.

Uninsured parcels for the United Kingdom will in future be forwarded from Hongkong in bags and the Public are therefore advised to pack such parcels very carefully.

Until further notice parcels for civil addresses in the provinces of Udine, Vicenza, Treviso, Padua, Venice and Belluno in Italy will not be accepted for transmission unless posted under the British War Office Permit.

The Parcel Post Services to British East Africa and Egypt (except for members of the Expeditionary Forces), and to Abyssinia, Bagdad, Erithrea, French Somali Coast, Italian Somaliland, Portuguese East Africa, Zanzibar and Russia have been suspended.

On 1st September, 1918, the rates of postage chargeable in India on letters for all places abroad to which the rate of 1 anna per ounce was previously applicable was raised to 1½ annas for the first ounce and 1 anna for each additional ounce.

The postage on letters to Naval and Military addresses was not raised.

Registered and Parcel Mails close 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated.

In the case of Mails closing before 9 a.m. Registration closes at 5 o'clock on the previous evening.

OUTWARD MAILS.

TO-MORROW.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, S. Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Bombay, Aden, Port Tewfik, and Europe via Suez—CHUNSANG, 5th Dec., Reg. 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

The Parcel Mail will be closed today, at 5 p.m.

Japan via Moji—Per CHIYO MARU, 6th Dec., 1 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HAITAN, 6th Dec., 1 p.m.

Shanghai & N. China—Per KAIFONG, 6th Dec., 2 p.m.

Philippine Islands—Per YEUNSANG, 6th Dec., 2 p.m.

Fort Bayard, Hoihow and Haiphong—Per SONGMA, 6th Dec., 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, 7th December.

Swatow & Bangkok—Per LIANGCHOW, 7th Dec., 8 a.m.

Chefoo—Per KWEILIN, 7th Dec., 11 a.m.

SUNDAY, 8th December.

Swatow, Amoy, and Formosa via Kelung—Per AMAKUSA MARU, 8th Dec., 9 a.m.

TUESDAY, 10th December.

Shanghai & North China—Per SINGAN, 10th Dec., 11 a.m.

THURSDAY, 12th December.

Sandakan—Per MAUSANG, 12th Dec., 11 a.m.

Shanghai & N. China—Per SUNNING, 12th Dec., 11 a.m.

FRIDAY, 13th December.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HAIHONG, 13th Dec., 1 p.m.

Philippine Is.—Per LONGSANG, 13th Dec., 2 p.m.

ENTERTAINMENT

Moving pictures for children were inevitable from the very moment moving pictures were invented; but it has been part of the normal course of things that they should not have been actually made until this time. Only the very best that the world can produce is to be laid before the sincerely critical eyes of the young.

The grave necessity that has arisen for films entirely suited for children has now been met. William Fox, the producer, has taken this great, new step. The "FOX KIDDIE FEATURES" are ready for presentation, and the first of these, "JACK AND THE BEANSTALK," will soon be before Hongkong cinema goers.

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Tickets may be obtained by or through members of the Police Reserve only. Applications must be made in person to the invitation Committee at Headquarters' Club on and after TUESDAY, December 3rd, between the hours of 5.0 and 6.0 p.m. Applications by letter will not be attended to.

Calico Fancy Dress is not compulsory. Other Fancy Dress or ordinary Evening Dress may be worn. Prizes will be given, however, only for the most original costumes made of Calico.

The issue of Tickets will close at latest on TUESDAY, December 10th, but at an earlier date if necessary.

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DINNER DANCES will be held on the following nights during CHRISTMAS WEEK:—
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CHRISTMAS NIGHT, WEDNESDAY 25th. December,
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SATURDAY 28th. December,
NEW YEAR'S EVE, TUESDAY 31st. December.

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